

Hopkinton Community Power Committee

Meeting Date: Wednesday Feb. 28, 2024

Meeting Chair: Mark Zankel

Minute Taker: Steve Eckberg

Members in attendance:

Y	Mark Zankel
Y	Steve Eckberg
Y	Ken Traum (for Select Board)
Y	Sarah Hoffman
Y	Sharon Nall
Y	Jack Ruderman
N	Lynn Durant

Members of the Public Attending: Rich Houston arrived 6:30PM.

- I. Call to Order. Meeting started at 6:15PM following Hopkinton Energy Comm. Mtg.
- II. Minutes: Ken Traum moved & Jack Ruderman seconded to approve minutes of Jan. 18, 2024 meeting with an edit to show that the meeting ended at 7:45PM. Minutes APPROVED unanimously.
- III. Business Items.
 - i. Updates
 - a. Public Survey Results. Sharon Nall provided updated total results of public survey regarding Community Power. Results very useful to inform FAQs from public.
 - b. FAQs update. Various edits and additions discussed. FAQs are available/linked to on Hopkinton Community Power web page here <https://www.hopkinton-nh.gov/community-power-committee-0>
 - c. Hopkinton Community Power Logo. The logo prep effort is nearly complete – logo should be ready for the presentation at Town Meeting on March 21.
 - d. Merrimack County Community Power planning meetings was recently held. Remote mtg. attended by rep. from our Committee (Sarah). Representatives from 12 towns attended. County Delegation hopes to vote on moving forward at their March 8 meeting. Henry Herndon and Andrew Hatch of CPCNH presented to the group.

Discussion took place about what approach would likely be best for Hopkinton – our own Town Community Power or participating in a County project? General sense is to continue on our current path.

- e. Steve E. discussed recent news and developments regarding 3 towns (Milford, New Boston, Jaffrey) that had launched their Community Power Programs with a price that was *above* prevailing utility energy service price. NH Consumer Advocate had filed a complaint with Dept. of Energy. DOE determined that the Community Plans had followed the details of their plans and determined that the complaints were unfounded.
- ii. Review and Finalize Energy Aggregation Plan (EAP) for submission to Public Utilities Commission (PUC). The group worked through some edits and updates to the document. The effort was completed and document finalized. Jack R. moved to adopt the EAP as amended and submit it to PUC for review and approval as next required step for our Community Aggregation Plan process. Seconded by Sharon N. Vote was taken and motion unanimously approved.

Next item/issue to deal with will be Cost Sharing Agreement with Community Power Coalition of NH. Group agreed to deal with that at our next meeting after Town Meeting on March 21.

IV. Public Comment. None.

V. Other Business. Hopkinton Community Power Warrant Article Vote will occur at Town Meeting at 6PM March 21.

Next Meeting of this Committee will be: April 11, 2024 at 7:00PM

VI. Adjournment. Mark Z. moved and Sarah H. seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:30PM.